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MEXICAN COP SENTENCED TO PRISON FOR FRAUDULENTLY ATTEMPTING TO ENTER THE UNITED STATES

TUCSON – Jesus Rolando Villanueva-Ramos, 45, of Nogales, Sonora, Mexico, was sentenced here Tuesday to 27 months imprisonment followed by 36 months supervised release, by U.S. District Judge Raner C. Collins. Villanueva-Ramos had pleaded guilty to the indictment charging him with Attempted Illegal Re-entry After Deportation on August 31, 2006.

Villanueva-Ramos, a police commander for the Nogales Sonoran Police Department, admitted using a fraudulently obtained laser visa to enter the United States. According to Villanueva-Ramos' guilty plea, he knowingly omitted criminal history information that he knew would cause his application for a laser visa to be denied. In so doing, Villanueva-Ramos fraudulently obtained a laser visa to enter the United States. Villanueva-Ramos has an extensive criminal history dating back to 1980, including a felony Robbery conviction in 1985 from San Diego, California for which he received one year in jail and five years probation. In addition, on at least nine occasions from 1980 until 1989, Villanueva-Ramos attempted to enter the United States without proper documentation or authorization.

The investigation in this case was conducted by U.S. Customs and Border Protection and the U.S. Border Patrol. The prosecution was handled by Munish Sharda, Assistant U.S. Attorney, District of Arizona, Tucson, Ariz.

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